

The Rarest
CREATURE ON EARTH

People might well picture almost anything after reading the title of this article.

Ask yourself what first popped into your head when you first read the above title.

Perhaps some exotic and nearly extinct species of animal.

Or, perhaps it could be some strange crossbreed offspring of two different species?

The path to our learning the answer to our question may well take some very strange twists and turns, but in our patience lies our success.

Let's begin our search by first eliminating all things that are so commonly in abundance that they have little or no value.

You see, the word ABUNDANT and the word RARE are exact opposites.

Rarity 'increases' value and an 'over abundance' of anything can only end with that THING becoming worthless, or, at the very least 'taken for granted'.

Please understand that this article is not speaking of elements necessary for sustaining the life of living things.

A couple of good examples of this would be air, water and food. These things of course are not worthless but are often treated as though they were, unless they somehow come to be in short supply.

The most ABUNDANT 'thing' in this earth can be described with ONE word, "OPINIONS". OPINIONS are undoubtedly the most abundant

'thing' on earth by reason of being also
the MOST PROLIFIC.

This word 'PROLIFIC' means fruitful, and, as
you will soon learn, opinions are the most prolific.
The only thing necessary for 'an opinion' to multiply
is for someone to share it with another person.

One could accurately say then, that considering
there are more than 6 billion people on this earth
and each of them has hundreds, if not thousands
of opinions, well, that would involve numbers far
beyond my skill at math.

The biggest catch to placing some great value
on any opinion is that they are subject
to change. Because of this fact, an opinion
one might be willing to 'die for' today
becomes absolutely worthless the instant
it is no longer believed and held as TRUTH.

Let it suffice to say there are LOTS of
opinions in this earth.

Now, if the opinions of mankind were of any value the
inhabitants of planet earth would be
in wonderful shape. Unfortunately however,
because of their TEMPORARY nature
OPINIONS can 'NEVER' have any Eternal Value.

All opinions that is, except one, and the one
of which I speak, is GOD'S.

PERMIT me to give a short example.

Let's say that I (one person) give 'my' opinion
to you. The results will immediately be, a new
opinion and that being 'yours'.

Your opinion may well be, "I don't believe
what you said for one second."

Now, that one opinion has quickly become TWO.

I could carry out this seemingly ridiculous
example forever, but that should not be necessary.

All that IS necessary is for you to understand
that for every opinion shared with someone

else, it will be, self generating.

Consider that there over 6 Billion people on this earth, and each one having hundreds, if not thousands, of their own opinions, well, you will find it impossible to number them, due to the fact that that number is increasing continually at a rate impossible to keep up with.

As stated before there is only ONE opinion that does have eternal value and that OPINION, is God's.

God's opinion 'NEVER' changes and it is the ETERNAL NATURE of HIS opinion that gives it such great value.

Now, having said all that, we can continue our search for the RAREST creature on earth.

St. John Chapter 1: Verse 1,
"In the beginning was the WORD, and
the WORD was 'WITH' God,
and the Word 'WAS' God."

Verse 2: "The same (WORD) was in the beginning with God."

Verse 3:

"All things were made by 'HIM': and without 'HIM' was not anything made that was made."

(An interesting note) In this verse, this same 'WORD' was identified twice with the pronoun 'HIM'. Apparently 'THE' WORD we are examining is a person and obviously male in gender.

Verse 3:

"In 'HIM' was life: and the life was 'the' LIGHT of men."

Please do 'NOT' overlook the small word before the word 'LIGHT'.

This little word 'the' is so often overlooked, but suffice to say, that 'the' anything

denotes it as being, 'ONE OF THAT KIND'.
 If this were not true, God would have had
 written 'a light' not 'THE LIGHT'.
 (Note: Right about at this point one might
 begin to wonder if we haven't abandoned
 our search for, "THE RAREST CREATURE
 ON EARTH." Time and patience however, will prove that
 to be untrue.)

Verse 5:

"And 'the LIGHT' shineth in darkness:
 and the darkness comprehended it not."

(Note: Pay particular attention to this word
 COMPREHENDED. This word is normally understood
 to mean 'to understand'. It might therefore
 be worthwhile to understand the difference
 between LIGHT and DARKNESS.)

The natural state of all things (before being changed
 by God) is darkness, not LIGHT. DARKNESS was not
 created because it did not NEED to be.

Without God that is simply ALL there is.

Notice that here, this
 verse speaks of DARKNESS as though it were
 a living entity. Hopefully we should understand
 that some things (including many people)
 are only comfortable in the Dark.

Darkness creates the ILLUSION , or , (perhaps
 even more accurately) we could say, the DELUSION
 that their deeds and actions can NOT
 be seen by others.

Some creatures were created to live in darkness.
 They will never, nor can they EVER, be comfortable
 or feel safe in THE LIGHT.

God did not intend it to be so with his
 most beloved creation, 'MAN'.

The first man Adam was created 'in the image'
 of God himself, a creature of light,
 a being of light, the originator therefore

of LIGHT.

Recall now to yourself the story of Adam's sin. What was the first reaction after that act of disobedience? The answer is simple and obvious. Fear came immediately as Adam sought to hide himself from God. Adam had chosen Darkness over LIGHT. We are speaking of course of Spiritual LIGHT, not the natural light of the sun. To use once more that old saying, "I said all that to say this"; We are seeking to understand THE LIGHT, The ONE TRUE LIGHT, as written of in John 1: 9.

Why (someone might be asking themselves) do we need know all this to continue our search for the rarest creature on earth? The answer is simply to make certain that all might understand what a mighty and powerful thing THIS LIGHT is. It is 'one of a kind', it is another name for THE WORD, which was 'with' God 'IN THE BEGINNING'. We are speaking of 'a being', 'a person', A ONE OF A KIND 'SOMEBODY'. Would not this fact alone make it RARE?

Think about what you have just read. It is possible for ANYTHING to be more Rare than something which is a ONE OF A KIND? Less than that (one), it would NOT, could NOT be RARE, because it would be 'non existent'.

Verse 9:

"That was the TRUE LIGHT,
which lighteth every man that

cometh into the world."

Verse 14:

"And the Word was made flesh,
and dwelt among us,
and we beheld HIS glory,
the glory, as of, 'THE ONLY' begotten
of the Father, full of Grace
and Truth."

(Note - These two words "THE ONLY",
can ONLY mean ONE, ONE of a kind.
Can anything be more rare than this??
To be the ONLY ONE of anything?)

Now, consider this fact.
There is 'nothing' higher than The Word of
God as spoken of here.
God has spoken MANY words BUT, each one
individually can only be, small parts
of a much greater whole.
We are however, looking for a person,
a ONE OF A KIND.

Before rejecting these words as being
only MY opinion, it would be best if you understood
that this opinion is NOT mine, but 'God's'.

God himself is The One who declared
His 'WORD' to be 'equal
to' HIMSELF and every bit as much
God as he himself.

'Please re-read verse 14'.

I will repeat that verse but with the more
literal translation.

"The Word became flesh (took upon himself flesh),
and dwelt among us."

Think about what you have just read.
The Word of God, THE LIGHT, 'This person', went
from being the highest being in the entire
universe, to the lowest person he could become,
'A MAN'.

Now ask yourself this question. Did this HIGHEST
being come into this earth as a king?
You might think so, but not
the case here.
Why, you might wonder????
(I'm 'so glad' you did.)
Had this person, THE WORD, THE LIGHT,
taken upon himself the form of a Great King,
then he would have been received, ONLY
because of his position of great power
and authority.

Remember we are trying to see this
thru God's eyes and not man's.
Suppose that God HAD sent Jesus as the
Greatest King this earth had ever seen.
It would NOT have served God's purpose
at all.

The reason for this is very simple.
Had he done so, where would the hope have been
for the lowest of men? Men like you and I,
for example.

Hopefully you will understand
that the word "men" has nothing to do with
gender, but means "mankind".
Men can 'choose' a king or 'appoint' a king. They
can vote for a ruler or draw lots for that matter.
The man chosen by men only,
may become 'their king', 'their ruler',
'their president',

BUT,

Only God can 'MAKE' someone a KING.
He who God makes a KING is a
King 'ETERNAL'.

There have been many kings, some good,
some bad and some better than others,
BUT STILL,
'only A MAN'.

Because God's Wisdom is SO, SO, SO
FAR ABOVE men's, he knew that all men
are likely to worship a GREAT KING.
To give honor and glory 'to' a great king.
'BUT'

Who then, would have received the Glory
and Honor meant 'ONLY' for God himself?

The Greatest king who ever lived "might"
be able to save someone in certain situations.

Just for examples sake, let's say
we use King Solomon.

Was he wise? Absolutely!

Was he rich? Without a doubt!

BUT...

Could Solomon
give Life Eternal?

NO!

Because 'it' was NOT 'his' to give.

No king, no man can give to someone
else, that which he does not have himself.

Another good question, how many KINGS
have ever saved anyone, at the cost
of their own lives?

It is possible that there may have
been one or more

who gave up his (physical - temporary)
life for his subjects.
Those for whom he died would have still
been subject to physical death.
They would have still been in bondage
to the fear of death. They would have
still walked in darkness.

Why then, did God choose to send
Jesus in the 'form' that he did?

Philippians 2: 5 - 8

"Let this mind be in you, which was also
in Christ Jesus:

Who being in the form of God, (The Word)
thought it not robbery to be EQUAL with God:
But, made himself of NO reputation, and
took upon him(self) the form of a servant,
and was made into the likeness of men:
And being found in fashion as a man,
he 'HUMBLED' himself, and became
obedient unto death,
even the death of the cross."

Not only did this HIGHEST creature give
up that station to become a mere mortal,
but, to become the lowest of men,
a servant (slave).

There is a story in God's Word about
a very rich young ruler.
Jesus said to this man, "sell all you have
and give to the poor and come follow me."
Guess what? This rich young man
could not do it.
This rich young ruler had a lot to
give up, but, those were only temporary.

'All' earthly riches, power and glory
are far, far from being 'ETERNAL'.

Why? What was missing in this man
that was obviously 'NOT' missing in Jesus?
Consider that Jesus was, in the beginning,
THE Word of God. The highest creature
in the universe. He, of his own free will,
laid aside all the Glory of God and became but
flesh and blood.

What Jesus gave up 'for us' were ETERNAL
things, not temporary.

The entire point of this article
was to find the rarest creature in this
entire earth.

We are much closer to finding that answer
than you might think.

It is the nature of mankind to seek power, wealth,
and the praise and adulation of men.

That NATURE is the 'farthest thing' from
being RARE.

It is common, it is worthless, it is at best
temporary.

I can not help but smile when I hear
any man of greatness (so called at least),
saying, "I have dedicated my life to
public service."

Listen and see thru God's eyes.
These hypocrites serve only themselves and
not others. They lie, they cheat, and they
steal, from the poorest of the poor,
to line their own pockets.

Has anyone reading these words ever
saw a politician leave office with

less than they came with?
I never have and neither have you.
Kings and rulers and politicians desire 'only'
the glory of this world.
Humility?
Hardly !
Servitude?
Who serves who?
Thieves and Robbers !
You better believe it.
HUMBLE?
RARE?
Surprise, surprise.
Those who seek power, worldly glory
and the praise of men can NOT
at the same time desire to serve others.
These people have exactly the same value
as do men's OPINIONS.
NONE !
They are exactly extreme opposites of Jesus.
Not only are they opposite,
but 180 degrees opposite.
Jesus had nothing to gain because he
was 'already' as high as it was possible to be,
'in the beginning'.
From the HIGHEST to the lowest.
It is impossible for someone to do that
and still hope to gain.
What could there be, to be gained?
Have you ever wondered why Jesus
was willing to do this?
This question can be answered in one word,
LOVE !!!
Because of HIS LOVE, 'not for himself',
but for US.

We started out searching for the RAREST

creature in the earth.

We are about to find our answer.
I should better have said, God's ANSWER.

The most important thing God required
of Jesus was that he 'HUMBLE' himself.
AND HE DID !

Jesus himself said, "Greater Love has no man
than this, that he lay down his life for a friend."

This is exactly what Jesus did.
He HUMBLed himself and became obedient
even unto death, even the shameful death
of the cross.

In the beginning Jesus was the Word.
The HIGHEST thing in the universe.
He came into this world so he could
be the LIGHT of this world.

He came to show us the WAY
out of the great DARKNESS that
filled this earth since Adam's sin.
He laid everything aside and became
the 'most' HUMBLE man who ever lived.
There will never be another as HUMBLE
simply because there will NEVER
be another who had 'as much' to give up.

There are perhaps a few 'truly humble' people
who have ever lived on this earth.

When I say 'few' I mean by comparison to
the great multitudes who have lived
and died on this planet.

I would not venture to name any because
only God would know that.

One thing I do know, however, is this-
A truly HUMBLE man (or woman) is
extremely rare.

Any person who has ever met someone

who truly was HUMBLE has been
truly blessed by God.

I am certain that this trait (HUMILITY)
by God's standard and definition, is a creature highly
esteemed by God.

The proud, the greedy, the vain, the
covetous, the self seeking, well, they
are as plentiful
as are men's OPINIONS.
Worthless to the extreme.

It seems very clear to me that
not only have we found our answer,
but an extra bonus as well.
Hopefully you will now be able to distinguish
between the Priceless and the Worthless.

The answer to our quest is simple.
The rarest creature in this earth,
A HUMBLE MAN !!!!!
The most HUMBLE man who ever lived, was
'this man called JESUS'.
He alone could be the most humble
because he had the MOST to give up.
Jesus was, is, and will always be, the
rarest creature ever to walk
on the face of this earth.

(footnote)

Should any reader of these words still
feel some 'bit' of pride in just how
HUMBLE they are, there can
only be one explanation.
You have obviously looked around
and compared yourself to other men.
You're looking in the wrong place.

Unless you were once the highest
creature in the universe and willingly
laid that aside to serve others, even
to the point of laying down your life,
then you have missed the mark set by Jesus
'so far' it's not even close.
Think about these words, and 'then' take a close
look at Jesus.

The rarest creature on earth?
Only you can answer that question
for yourself.
If you think you have come close,
then you've still got quite a ways to go.

God said, it was Jesus!
As for me, I have NO DOUBTS!!!
There's only ever been ONE truly
HUMBLE man.
He was in the beginning "THE WORD"
He alone is the 'LIGHT' of the world.
He alone is the WAY, the TRUTH
and the LIFE.
He willingly laid aside all the Glory
he had with God from the beginning.
He was and IS, beyond a shadow of a doubt,
THE MOST HUMBLE MAN WHO EVER LIVED!!!
He is indeed and in TRUTH,
The RAREST CREATURE to ever walk
on the face of God's
green earth.

His name is Jesus!!!!
To our great God be all the Glory
and Honor.
"Thank you Father for giving us eyes
that can see and ears that can hear."
Thank you Father for sending your Word,

The ONE true LIGHT into this world.
Thank you Jesus for laying aside
all the majesty and glory you had
from the beginning.
Thanks for being willing to come in the
form of a servant rather than some
great king. Because of your willingness
to come in that form and fashion
you have brought HOPE even to the lowly
and the meek of this earth.
Thank you Father for sending your only Son,
thank you Jesus for being,
“THE RAREST CREATURE”
on earth.

AMEN and AMEN